FIRE DISTRICTS

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Fire protection in Durham County is provided within seven fire districts, which are tax-supported by residents of each respective district. Services are provided by incorporated volunteer fire departments. In addition to fire protection, Durham County fire departments provide emergency medical services within their districts. All departments respond to requests for assistance to surrounding departments and counties under mutual aid agreements. Coordination of these fire and rescue services is provided by the Durham County Fire Marshall and Emergency Medical Services departments.

The following rates are proposed for the upcoming year:

Fire Districts	FY 02-03 Tax Rate	FY 03-04 Requested Tax Rate	FY 03-04 Approved Tax Rate
Bethesda	.0550	.0550	.0550
Lebanon	.0590	.0590	.0590
Parkwood	.0900	.0900	.0900
Redwood	.0750	.0750	.0750
New Hope	.0500	.0650	.0650
Eno	.0440	.0640	.0640
Bahama	.0600	.0600	.0600

^{*}New Hope and Eno rates established by neighboring Orange County through an inter-local agreement.